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**Title:** INTERMEDIATE RELEASE NICOTINIC ACID  
COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA  
WHICH EXHIBIT AN IN VIVO STAIR-STEPPED  
ABSORPTION CURVE

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir,

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005 regarding the above  
referenced patent application, a response of which is due July 26, 2005.

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